SUBJECT No. 322.

Cauvery Power Reservoir.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Board trust that their suggestion of last year for the construction of a large storage reservoir to provide for emergencies in dry seasons will have the further consideration of Government.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 323.

Working of the New Mines Regulation.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—Urges for the necessity of further enlarging the section defining "Mining Material," which is at present very inadequate; and also that the section relating to the "warning off" of unemployed persons should be amended, so that these undesirables when served with a notice may be prevented from simply moving from one mine to another thus for a considerable period, evading the intention of the section.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 324.

Confiscation of stolen gold.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—Again urges Government to recognise the Mining Board's right to receive all gold which has been stolen from the Kolar Field and after recovery has been confiscated to Government.

Reply of Government.—Government have decided in their Proceedings No. J. 930-32—Legis. 38-06-1, dated 25th September 1907, that the claim is inadmissible and that the value of confiscated gold should be credited to Government. Special steps will be taken in consultation with the Mining Board for the proper prosecution of important cases of theft of gold and other mining material.

SUBJECT No. 325.

Plague.

Mr Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—Expresses regret at the recent recrudescence of plague in the district and urges the necessity of increased sanitary precautions in the surrounding villages, especially Robertsonpet and Ooregum.

Reply of Government.—Noted for early consideration.

SUBJECT No. 326.

Private medical officers summoned to give evidence in Government prosecutions.

Mr. Charles H. Richards, Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—States the inconvenience caused by the summoning of the Board's private medical officers to give expert evidence in Government prosecutions; and submits that in such cases when their presence is absolutely necessary, they should receive adequate remuneration for their professional opinion.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

BANGALORE DISTRICT.

(Nos 327 to 334).

SUBJECT No. 327.

In re. the special grant of one lakh of rupees for City improvements.

Summary of discussion.—Pray that the special grant of a lakh of rupees for the improvements of the Bangalore City may be placed at the disposal of the Municipal Council, instead of placing it in the hands of the Public